

IN THE

UNITED STATES

PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF:

BRAVEN, Helen and KEAY,

Russell

RESPONSE TO THE OFFICE

ACTION MAILED 08/28/2008

CASE:

ATLAS 8095 US

SERIAL NO.:

10/506,958

FILED ON:

05/02/2006

FOR:

Nucleic Acid Probes, Their

Synthesis and Use

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

EXAMINER: Pohnert, S.C.

ART UNIT: 1634

Dear Sir:

This is a request for an extension of time to respond to the Examiner's Office Action mailed on 28th August, 2008. Applicant hereby request the Commissioner a three (3) month extension of time to respond to the Examiner's Restriction Requirement thereby allowing Applicants until 28th February, 2009 to respond.

Applicants authorize the Commissioner to debit Bell & Associates Deposit Account No. 50-3194 in the sum of \$1,110, being the fee for a (3) three-month extension of time to respond to the instant Communication.

If the Commissioner finds any additional charges or fees must be paid in connection with this communication, they may be paid out of Bell & Associates Deposit Account No. 50-3194.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: February 27th, 2009

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One of Agents for Applicant